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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In February 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Shane Edward Thompson** (HC60027034). He was convicted of unlawful issuance of bank checks or drafts.

### **Clark County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Randy S. Buchan** (RN00162431) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **James R. Pugh** (NC10042994) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of manslaughter.

### **Franklin County**

In February 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Brooke R. Burnett** (HC60042075). Her 2007 application to practice as a health care assistant was denied due to forgery convictions.

### **Grant County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rebecca J. Pesta** (NC10090128) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

### **King County**

In March 2009 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged speech language pathologist **Elizabeth Patricia Baker** (LL60025305) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly performed the duties of a speech language pathologist without a license.

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Shawn C. Elliott** (HC60041413) and placed conditions against his license. Terms and conditions were placed against his previous health care assistant license. He must comply with the terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Dawn Phonpadith** (LP00044442) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license. She is also known as Dawn Marsille.

In March 2009 the Massage Therapist Program granted the application of **Annie P. Powers** (MA00024888) and placed conditions on her license. She was convicted of assault, criminal trespass, and minor in possession and/or consumption of alcohol. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Victor N. Shornal** (HC00133791). He caused a patient to feel uncomfortable, humiliated, and violated. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Kitsap County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cheyenne R. Carter** (RN00161448) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Lewis County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Nanci M. Finley** (NC10023901) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a romantic relationship with a patient.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Debbie A. Eastman** (PH00019936) on probation for two years. She failed to pay for prescriptions written to a family member and herself in order to fool the insurance company into believing she had paid her deductible. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program terminated the order of probation against **Heidi Halsey** (LF00001125).

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission lifted the license suspension against licensed practical nurse **Denise Martin** (LP00046339) and imposed conditions on her license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reprimanded certified nursing assistant **Kori E. Martin** (NC10066045). He failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a complaint.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Latoya Kimyatta Taylor** (NA60060104, NC60063660). She was convicted of unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance.

### **Skagit County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cynthia A. Martinez** (NC10091956) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of attempted residential burglary, and allegedly failed to report the conviction to the department. She also allegedly stole credit cards from patients to make purchases for herself.

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Buba J. BoJang** (NC10026544) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program corrected the statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Sharon L. Dimick** (NC10052858). She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her certification.

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Stacy Elaine Galovic** (RN00116513) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license. She is also known as Stacy Scudder.

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Xoa T. Oaks** (VA00039372) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly presented forged prescriptions to obtain drugs for her own personal use.

### **Spokane County**

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against **Richard R. Cokusis** (HC00156295). He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Cora J. Lord** (NC60012315). She applied the wrong medication patch on a patient while working as a medication aide.

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Joseph Hulbert Struck** (RC60069106). He was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, and possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine.

### **Walla Walla County**

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Kathleen Sue Mahoney** (NA60069602). She pled guilty to conspiring to violate the racketeer influence and corrupt organizations act.

### **Out of State**

**New Hampshire:** In March 2009 the Radiological Technologist Program granted the application of **Stephen Michael Tatasciore** (RT60034954) and placed conditions against his license. He worked as a nuclear medicine technologist without an active credential. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Oregon:** In March 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Peter H. Hertz** (DE00008006) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to assure proper follow-up care, failing to report a hospitalization to the commission, and failing to keep legible notes.

**Oregon:** In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Alan E. Levine** (RC60069986). He was convicted of two counts of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of official misconduct.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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